

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 28, 2009. In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner also objected to claims 1 and because of informalities. The applicants have amended claims 1-3, 5, 10, 12, and 13. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are now pending in the application.

The applicants have amended claims 1 and 10 to correct the informalities specified as recommended by the Examiner. The applicants have also amended claims 5 to correct its lack of antecedent basis for the limitations “the port of the network element” and “the extension network element identifier response.” These amendments are believed to overcome the objection of claims 1 and 10 and the rejection of claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 USC §112 .

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5302-004-US01).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should

the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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